



ATTN: BOX ISSUE FEE
PATENT

Attorney Docket No. 3063.0396-02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:) Notice of Allowance Dated: May 2, 2001
John EBY et al.) Batch No.: Z99
Serial No.: 09/287,631) Group Art Unit: 1732
Filed: April 7, 1999) Examiner: A. Kuhns
For: METHODS TO MAKE A)
SURFACE COVERING HAVING)
A NATURAL APPEARANCE)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

REQUEST FOR APPLICATION OF ISSUE FEE AND ACCEPTANCE OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

In accordance with the Decision on Petition mailed March 2, 2001, by the Office of Petitions, Applicants request the Issue Fee paid on January 5, 2001, in this application be applied to the new Notice of Allowance dated May 2, 2001. The Decision on Petition states the following:

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on January 5, 2001 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.

Applicants further request acceptance of the formal drawings (Figures 1-3) submitted on January 5, 2001. In view of the request in the Notice Allowance of May 2, 2001, that Applicants submit new formal drawings, it is not clear that the formal drawings submitted on January 5, 2001, are in the Examiner's file. Therefore, Applicants submit herewith another copy of the formal drawings. If the formal drawings for any reason are not in full compliance with the pertinent statutes and regulations, please so advise the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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